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The Cyclone in the Teacup.

A well known symptom of the megalemania that affects punk politicians is their absurd attribution of importance to office, and especially minor office, to a merely nominal "leadership," to the chairman of this and that political committee. The protuberant and absorbing question for them is who is to have such and such a job. Is NOAKES to "hold tlown" a chair in the City Hall or at Alor MOAKES head the Republican town committee of Dubville?

These things are mighty in the eyes whatever.

From a certain want of mental perspective, from old habits of thought and speech that flourished in the days of the Bosses, to buffet, kick and spit upon whom is now one of the strongest desires of the American people, a disproportionate importance has been given to the selection of the next president of the New York Republican county committee.

The president of that body and all its members ought to be fit representatives of the Republican party, responsible to it and to no Boss or Bosslet, seeking its advantage, working for its interests. It is the nature of such bodies to tend to faction, to personal and narrow views, to the elevation of punk politicians and the neglect of that representative and popular character by which alone they can be of any use, except to the pockets, ambitions or revenges of their members.

Mr. HERBERT PARSONS, one of the candidates for this presidency, asserts that he is the candidate of "no man and no faction." "If elected," he continues, "I will be responsible to no one but the Republican voters." That is the right spirit and the right platform. To hide his defeat and save his face, ODELL has plumped over to the Parsons side. This should not be reckoned against Mr. Parsons, who is as independent as a ramrod, too young for stratagems and spoils, and of an admirably mugwump temperament.

Mr. J. VAN VECHTEN OLCOTT, too, will be equally responsible to the Republican voters and nobody else. It was thoroughly shown on November 7 that there is nobody else but the voters. Bosses, patrons, bigwigs, notables, bashaws of any kind are not needed and need not apply. Nobody rules but the People.

Nobody but the People! That is the momentous thing. Presumably, the next president of the Republican county com- to their present policy. mittee will remember that fact. It is important. County committees are not.

The Ballot Law.

In his clear and convincing decision in JEROME the ballots marked with a cross other voting circles, Justice GIFGERICH | would not be slow to develop elsewhere of the Supreme court says:

" It would be a perfectly natural error for a voter head of the Jerome column or in front of the name to make the cross in both places."

"perfectly natural" errors. As more which they are utterly unprepared, than one method of marking the ballot is sanctioned by the law, it is impossible to say finally that one way is the best way. One way may be the best way in the opinion of Jones, but SMITH supand muddled by conflicting counsels. goes into the polling place in a mental Last month Tammany was shouting "A mark in front of every name! to those who wished to split their tickets, while Mr. JEROME's managers were posting the in front of their candidate's name.

Such opportunities to becloud the method should be the same for every only 1,891. voter, partisan or mugwump. Such a law would be fair to all voters and would New York is now Roman Cetholic. About put an end to the disputes for which the present statute is responsible.

Trade With Our Islands. The Bureau of Statistics of the Desame period in 1897.

appears to be general. One-half of the Protestant population not in the com- the Hon. Bos Rogers.

Porto Rican increase is in cotton cloth and manufactures of iron and steel. The Philippines bought more manufactured cotton, more provisions and foodstuffs and more iron and steel goods. Hawaii bought automobiles, mineral oil and some general merchandise more freely than last year. Alaska's increase is quite

general. In the matter of imports the increase over last year is given as \$19,000,000. This is a fact, but is somewhat misleading. About three-quarters of this is represented by the single item of sugar, and the increase is due to the abnormally high prices of last season rather than to the increase in the quantity imported. While the islands were the gainers by the existing condition, the increase may not properly be regarded as permanent. The value of sugar exports from Porto Rico and Hawaii will fluctuate in accordance with market prices. The maximum of quantity has probably been reached in both islands.

Our trade with the Philippines lags lamentably. During the last fiscal year our neglected little Porto Rico, with its population of about 1.000,000, bought twice as much as the Philippines with their population of 7,500,000, reenforced by several thousands of American soldiers and civilians, who are responsible bany or Washington? Will STOAKES be for a considerable part of the demand consul to Pitcairn Island? Will POAKES for American goods. Philippine conditions will be little if at all improved by a tariff adjustment which leaves any duty on any Philippine products enterof punk politicians. To the majority ing our ports, and they will be incalculably of the people they are of no interest injured by the imposition of the coast- radically from that of the London area wise shipping law scheduled for application next July.

> Labor Unions and Public Schools. Comptroller GROUT, who is conspicuous among the large number of dissatisfied citizens anxious for a reformation in the study courses of the public schools,

addressed the Thomas Hunter Associa-

tion Saturday evening and said, among other things:

This is a complaint against a system of imractical education, costly, ineffectual and wasteful. Of what value is it to a boy to know the blood circulation in the tail of a tadpole? I'd like to see less of book study and more of manual training."

By restricting "book study" and extending the courses in manual training Mr. GROUT and those who think with him would seek to send out the graduates of the public schools with a sufficient education in the elementary studies and such efficiency in manual occupations as would enable them to take their places among skilled workmen at once, or very soon after graduation. The plan is an attractive one. The skilled artisan is not likely to come to want, or become a public charge, except through vicious habits or some inherent deficiency that no education now practicable can overcome. But what would be the attitude of labor organizations toward such a system of education?

What the labor leaders of to-day consider success for the movement they lead consists in a restricted supply of workmen, with consequent high wages and short hours of labor in their trades. To attain these ends they have reduced the number of apprentices, made affiliation with their unions difficult, and sought in every way to monopolize their crafts. In this country it has

y public school pupil became an apprentice, all that the unions have accomplished might be work of the schools was entirely useless So we can choose, among the legends, favor of counting for WILLIAM TRAVERS and ineffective. Union opposition to the most probable. This says that the effective manual instruction has already Hon. Hugh Anderson Dinsmore, Repin the voting circle under the Jerome appeared in Massachusetts, and the resentative in Congress of the Third emblem and with a cross in one of the spirit responsible for it in that State Arkansas district, sometime Minister

If manual training classes in the publie schools did not fit the pupils for emto make who was in doubt whether to mark at the ployment in the trades taught they would be as useless as the most vigorous opponent of the present studies The great fault of the form of ballot holds there to be. If they did turn out did he defend himself with his cane." in use in New York State is that it pro- pupils ready to go to work, the labor vides so many opportunities for these unions would find a situation to meet

Some More Striking Facts About the Population of This Town.

On Monday we analyzed statistics ports another, and Robinson, confused | Folleration of this city, a Protestant organization, relating more specifically to the ages of the population of New York. condition likely to result in a void ballot. | From the same bulletin we now sumconditions of the people.

It appears from these statistics that town with instructions to mark in a party New York is becoming less and less of BERRY," said Mr. DINSMORE coldly and firmly. circle and to mark in the voting space a Christian community. Since fifty nominally Christian population per minds of the voters should not be pro- church has nearly doubled. In those vided by the law. It should be simple fifty years the number of Christian enough to be understood perfectly by churches increased from 480 to 1,195, every voter. It should provide for only but in 1904 there were 3,302 people to a trans in Little Rock. one method of marking the ballot. That church, while in 1854 the number was

About one-third of the population of one-half is Protestant, but more than half the Protestants, or more than a million, are altogether outside of the churches, apparently indifferent to all an American commerce of \$125,000,000 municants of churches, but in addition with those areas known as "our non- something more than one-fifth are attendcontiguous territories." These include ants on churches, that is, pay some heed Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, the Philip- to religious observances. The Jewish had a revolver. In September the pines, Guam and Tutuila. The estimate population, is now about 750,000. Add Hon. Bob Rogers, Attorney-General is based on the trade of the first nine | these Jews to the "churchless Protmonths of the year. The commerce for estants" and we get nearly half the Davis of making a conditional threat that period a little exceeded \$103,000,000, population, or more than 45 per cent. to kill him. At a public meeting the represented by exports \$36,552,174 and The Jews number nearly as many as the Attorney-General turned to the Govimports \$66,550,150. This is nearly if Protestant communicants and church- ernor and said: not quite four times the figures for the goers put together. The "churchless" "KEI you? Why, I can take a corncob with a Protestants are nearly as many as the lightning bug on the end of it and make you jump Compared with the first nine months entire Roman Catholic population. It into the Arkansas River." of 1904, our exports to these lands have appears, too, from a census made by increased about \$6,500,000. The increase | this federation in various Assembly tunda of the Fayetteville hotel it was to Alaska is nearly \$2,000,000, to Porto districts that a very large part of the because Mr. DINSMORE aimed at him Rico a little more than \$3,000,000, and Jews are outside of the synagogues - with a corncob and an imitation lightto Hawaii and the Philippines nearly Hebrews by race rather than in religious ning bug. But how did he keep out of

munion of churches we should probably get a majority of the people. In-

clude the vary considerable number of Roman Catholics by baptism who have become religiously indifferent and we have a large majority.

These statistics explain why, when discussions of questions of religion arise among our correspondents, the preponderance of the opinions expressed are religiously sceptical. New York is no longer a community which adheres to the old dogmas of religion. It is not even Christian except in a nominal sense. About one-fifth of its population are of another religion, the Jewish; but of these a very considerable part are only Jews by race and have joined the majority who have no religious faith strong enough to induce them to ally themselves with churches or synagogues or to range themselves openly with religious believers.

Dr. WALTER LAIDLAW, the secretary of this Church Federation, who is remarkable as an expert in the analysis of census statistics and in computations from them, estimates that in 1920, in a circle of twenty miles radius from the City Hall, there will be 8.624,336 people, or toward four hundred thousand more than London will contain at that time. At the rate at which the population of this area has increased since 1900, according to the censuses of this State and of New Jersey, the preponderance will appear even sooner.

The population of the New York metropolitan area, however, will differ in its race composition. Instead of being in vast majority English, or of the United Kingdom, as in London, in great majority it will be made up of representatives of other races than the English and the American of longer settlement here. In the Borough of Manhattan, for example, native whites of native parentage comprised only about one-sixth of the population in 1900, and since then the fraction must have become less. Those natives, too, are in great part descendants of immigrants who came here in the last century, so that the population of old American descent must be relatively very small. This federation reports that its most recent census shows that of the old American stock especially a great number have fallen away from anything like strict religious faith. Every Protestant communion, it says, "is losng its hereditary families." Meantime he Roman Catholic Church is strained to the utmost to keep faithful to their religion the great additions to its baptized adherents which it is receiving by immigration, and the Jews are complaining of the loss of devotion to their ritual and their belief among the Americanized of their race.

These statistics and tendencies afford an explanation of the newly aroused efforts to combine Protestant agencies for evangelical propaganda in New York and of the attempts of Jews to check the inroads which infidelity and indifference are making into their ranks.

What Does Bob Rogers Sav?

The Hon. JEFF DAVIS, Governor of Arkansas, can boast that if he is to be licked it has to be done somewhere else than at the polls. He is a spirited, never been so difficult for a boy to learn a heroic character. His fame over his a trade as it is to-day, and the diffi- living head is bent. Myths and legends culties in the way of the beginner will are thick upon him. This legendary increase as long as the unions adhere character explains the surprising frequency with which he is knocked down. So ROBIN HOOD in the ballads is soundly formed into a workshop, and every cudgelled by the proud pinner and other worthies.

Palpable is the legendary character of undone within a few years, unless the the proceedings at Fayetteville, Sunday, Resident to Corea, Regent of the Smithsonian Institution, and the Hon. JACK WALKER, drummer. "strode into the Governor's room" with drawn guns, and without parley beat him over the head with the butts of their guns. Only then

> This is JEFF's own account. We believe it to be correct, because "a surgeon took sixteen stitches in the Governor's scalp." JEFF's romantic passion for 16 to 1 is notorious.

But in this nebulous atmosphere of myth, who can find his way? Thus a gathered and compiled by the Church despatch from Fort Smith calls Mr. DINSMORE "a little, slender, old man." This "old man" was born in 1854, we believe. According to the Dinsmorean version, DINSMORE, WALKER, DAVIS and marize the very significant facts pre- a friend of Davis's went to the Goversented as to the religious divisions and nor's room. Soon something vivid was saying and doing:

"I want the private letter that I wrote to Senator "the letter that disappeared from the post office years ago, or 1854, the Christian and and that you are using for campaign purposes. And if I don't get that letter-"

Mr. DINSMORE began to talk in unfrilled Anglo-Saxon. The Governor rushed from the room and called for officers, Mr. DINSMORE followed and demanded the letter again; the Governor told him

"You're a liar and a thief," cried DINSMOBE, red

heavy cane, felling him and breaking the cane. As DINSMORE warded off the blows Davis rained on him. The Governor turned and ran to the hotel rotunda. DINSMORE chased him, and although his friends yelled at him to shoot he didn't, but only pounded the Governor on the head with the butt dogmatic religion, even where it is not of his revolver. While DAVIS cried for help and partment of Commerce and Labor pre- positively rejected by them. Less than | tried to protect his head with his arms, DINSMORE dicts for the current calendar year one-sixth of the Protestants are com- chased him around the rotunda until his friends seized him and persuaded him to take a little refreshment."

> We don't believe that Mr. DINSMORE of Arkansas, was accused by Governor

If the Governor ran around the ro-\$1,000,000 each. In all cases the increase | belief. If we added their number to the | the Arkansas? Respectfully referred to

How the Evils of the Game Have Developed, and How They Will Be Eradicated. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir Last Saturday, November 25, a crowd of several hundred persons fammed the open space between Park row and the City Hall. To the stranger within our gates, "socing New York," would have been an interesting sight -every eye fixed upon a bulletin board on one of the newspaper offices across the street, and the buzz of eager conversation rising at frequent intervals to a shout of exultation

"Is the country at war?" we can hear our imagined visitor from oversea inquire. "Are the people getting election returns? Or is there a financial crisis on?"

or subsiding to a dead hush of tense expec-

"Aw, g'wan"—this from a grimy urchin of the streets. "Say, where did youse blow in from, anyway? Doncher know dat de Yales is lickin' de Harvards?"

A game—a football game—a college foot-ball game! And with a puzzled, "Ah, these Americans," the foreigner fades away. How many of those same good Americans in the crowd that day understood the differ-ence between a touchdown and a tor-any other kind of a tornado? How many knew the first thing about Yale or Harvard? one and all they were "rooters"-rooting for the players 300 miles away. And it is safe

to say that the next morning the first article

in your paper read by nine out of every ten readers was the story of the game. Why is this thus? Because: Every year there has been a howl from that classical part of the public that love a "frog chorus better than did Aristophanes-the croakers The makers of rules and the coaches of teams laughed at the outcry, and went on devising new ways to win games. "Win! Win! " was their cry; and blindly they ignored the genuine protest that began to mingle with the sensationalism. Last year the protest reached a tremendous volume, the protest reached a tremendous volume, and the cry for reform could no longer be ignored. The makers of rules professed repentance—juggled a word here and a phrase there—and expected the intelligent public to be taken in. They were the fools, these wise fathers of football! They had the making or the marring of a noble sport in their hands, and with reckless disregard or idiotic shortsightedness they chose—the marring.

marring'
Despite the ills worked by their misguided policy, however, the game is not wholly spoiled. It can still be saved.
There is something wrong with football, say its opponents. What, then? Shall we set it right? No: let us reform the game—by abolishing it. There is something wrong, the same people have been saying, with the life insurance business. What, then? Shall we set it right? Yes, they say in this case; let us reform the business—not by abolishing it, but by abolishing the evils unfortunately connected with it.

it, but by abolishing the evils unfortunately connected with it.

Every one of the defects of football can easily be corrected, and in previous letters to THE SUN I have pointed out what seems to be the proper means of correction—an "athletic congress," a meeting of representatives of every athletic interest, to resolve the evisting chaotic situation into a state of "athletic congress," a meeting of representatives of every athletic interest, to resolve the existing chaotic situation into a state of order. The A. A. U. and the colleges to gether can easily keep the matter of genuine amateurism in hand: the coaches of teams can control the spirit of fair play on the field—the Yale and Princeton coaches did it this year: a responsible riles committee can legislate for safe football. As to gambling and betting upon games, it is ridiculous to select football as the sole centre of the evil. Perhaps the college authorities should abolish chapel exercises because the "simple students" will bet on the number of the next hymn—odd or even.

The assertion that football corrupts the undergraduate community is pernicious. The student body is not demoralized by false standards of honor. Our college men cherish as high ideals of honor as can be found in any community. Nor are the "rooters," the "bleacher athletes," a "pimple faced, unathletic" crowd, as I was pained to see them described in THE SUN of Tuesday. No finer set of young fellows can be found anywhere than those you will see on the campus of any good college.

If firmly believe that this whole matter will

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I firmly believe that this whole matter who is settled during the coming winter, and every question solved satisfactorily.

The football solution will probably be something like this: A new rules committee or new organization of the old committee; more power to the field officials, with penalties great enough to remove the induced the solution of the old committee; and the solution of the soluti more power to the held value at the great enough to remove the inducements to rough play; and public reports of football finances.

New York, Nov. 28.

The Game at Its Best. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: For the development of the game of football in its most consiently successful and scientific form we must ook to Yale and Princeton. In the games played or thirty-one years without interruption between these two universities, and in their games with other teams, I do not know of a fatality or an injury so severe as to cripple seriously and permanently or disable a participant.

In games played by some of the Eastern teams whose names will immediately occur to old football ilijonless, ill advised and excitable Western teams, the methods pursued in the selection of players and the rowdy feelings of the partisan spectators have naturally borne fruit in brutality and another ore disgusting form of unsportsmanilke conduct ridenced by revilement of opponents with the use of profane and obscene epithets.

Mr. A. S. Mithara of this company visited Rangoon and Calcutta for the purpose of arranging for a permanent steamship service between Japan, Burma and India. The representatives of two other Japanese companies, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, were also in India a short time previously for the same purpose, which makes it evident that Japan intends to do her carrying trade with southern Asia in her own ships. The Chinese trade with India and the other southern countries will likewise be sought for, and an Anglo-Japanese shipping combine has been formed for the purpose of capturing that trade. Hongkong is greatly alarmed over this last development, as, if the Anglo-Japanese combine succeeds in getting a subsidy from the Japanese Government, it will be in a position to compete on terms impossible for the average British frms, already being driven to the wall without such adventitious aid being given to their rivals.

The president of one of the largest of the Hongkong shipping companies drew attention to the matter at its last annual meeting, and about the same time, at a meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council, the Hon. Robert Shewan, referring to the way in which trade was slipping out of the hands of the British, said:

"It am quite in agreement with Mr. Kipling, and do not think in this colony sport requires Many serious injuries have also occurred in games played by immature schoolboys who have not been sufficiently controlled and instructed by mature, educated and athletic masters. Let us by all means endeavor to correct abuses by stringent penalties and strict enforcement

hereof, but let not our views be distorted by unfortunate examples to such an extent that a healthy, is not a game which would appeal to the Latin races of Europe as it does to the English and American When, after a punt, the ball strikes the ground, we cannot imagine two opponents bowing and saying: After you, Gaston," and "After you, Alphonse." The past ten years' development of the game by Vest Potat, Annapolis and some others shows that New York, Nov. 27. it can be played sanely along the lines pursued by

Deadly Eleventh Avenue.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Can you in-orm me why the accidents on Eleventh avenue from the New York Central trains are not reported in our daily newspapers? Five people have been ground to death under the wheels of these trains within the last five weeks, and notice only of two has been taken by the papers, and this by only two or three of them.

Is not a condition responsible for five horrible

deaths of sufficient importance to demand the attention of our authorities and the interest of our papers? I cannot help but think that if our newspapers, seeking to maintain the honor of our city and the good of our people, would publish the weekly horrors of the Eleventh avenue jugger naut the indignation of the city would soon call halt to the reckless and defiant corporation which puts at naught the rights of the Eleventh avenue inhabitants, which is responsible for fully one serious accident every month for the last twenty years (a conservative estimate), and which has of the city. Do you not think that five deaths within five weeks deserve more than a news item? Do they not call for such editorial comment that may tend to terminate the condition by which they have been brought about? JOHN P. CHIDWICK, Rector of St. Ambrose's Church.

We can assure Mr. Chidwick that accidents on Eleventh avenue are reported in the newspapers as fully as accidents in other parts of the city, and conditions along the line of the New York Central Railroad have been described frequently and in full detail. many years efforts have been made to bring about an improvement in these conditions, and this improvement is bound to come.

The Open Ballot and the Secret Ballot.

It is not so long ago that a workman was not sure of getting his wages when earned. The courts are of no practical benefit to him, so his only hope TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sti: A correspond of getting his money is by the help of the unions ent of THE SUN recommends—with a great show of virtue—the open ballot. he gets it, and at 12 o'clock Saturday noon at the place where he is working, and if not forth This sounds very pretty, but the fact is that coming by that time he gets "waiting time" waiting for it, forcelosures of mortgages, assignments of other legal delays notwithstanding. while men are economically unequal, the secret ballot is inevitable—except we are to become This getting his money when earned is the real No poor man, working for and toadying to a reason for unions. Of course, a great body of man as represented by unions, not always of the

boss, can enjoy real liberty, in voting or anything lse. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.

Vain Effort. Chippendale was inventing the sideboard.
"Yes," he explained, "I am trying to provide my
wife another place to hide my present in." Sad to relate, the testimony of any husband will prove the great man was unsuccessful

The Only Way.

Knicker-So Jones has planned a model apart ment house? Booker-Yes: the ignitor lives on the top floor the steam is always on and the elevator always THE CANAL.

Some Facts That It Behoeves the Public to Know.

which can become a fact in four years.

portation inside of the great cut.

third, to keep it perfectly drained.

ditions are non-realizable.

times less powerful and three times less

economical than the same operations made

Inside of the great cut these necessary con-

The tracks are established on terraces, the

limits of which change every day and they

are therefore constantly shifted. To estab-

lish and ballast them properly one day is im-

possible when you have to change their places

the next day. The experienced labor for

laying and maintaining them is lacking en-

To remedy the situation by increasing the

power of the steam shovels is just as logical

as it would be to increase the size of the reser-

voirs in a town which is short of water be-

cause the main pipes have not a sufficient

COMMERCIAL JAPAN.

How the "Yankees of the East" Are Ri

valling Britain in Asiatic Trade.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: If the

Spirit of the West has any time to spare from

its own troubles, it must be contemplating

the situation in the Far East with much the

same emotions as the fisherman in the Ara-

bian Nights story did the Afreet that emerged

from the jar he drew out of the ocean in his

is that whereas the nimble witted fisherman

succeeded in cajoling the spectre back into the jar, in which he effectually sealed him up

again, there is no sign that the Japanese Afreet can or will be put back into the hermit

case from which the exercise of Western arts enabled him to free himself. On the con-

trary, the Eastern Afreet is out of the iar

for good and all, and henceforth he will have

to be reckoned with in every phase of the

world's affairs, but more particularly in the

With the same methods and determination

they used in preparing for the war with Russia the Japanese have planned and are now putting into effect their schemes for the

conquest of the trade of eastern and southern

war before the end was yet in sight, Japanese

shipowners took measures for capturing as

Japan.
Quite recently, according to Indian news
Mr. A. S. Mihara of this company visited
Rangoon and Calcutta for the purpose of

which trade was slipping out of the hands of the British, said:

"I am quite in agreement with Mr. Kipling, and do not think in this colony sport requires any encouragement. If our young men were but to serve their masters as diligently as they serve their god 'Sport,' we should not see the British slowly driven out of the trade of China by the hardworking German, thrifty Japanese and the untiring Chinaman. In trade and commerce to-day the race is to the man who gives himself entirely up to it, and who, like St. Paul, has put away childish things. We shall never regain our old position in the Far East by encouraging our men to dream all day of polo ponies, cricket matches and boat races."

The only question now is, What is to be done to conjure away the effects of the release of the Japanese Afreet and can the ground Mr. Shewan speaks of as having been lost be recovered? Or can nothing be done except to let the Afreet have his way?

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.

Petence of Municipal Ownership.

Defence of Municipal Ownership.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Your corre-

spondents "A Traveller" and "C. G. M." point to the Staten Island ferry as "New York's horrible example of municipal ownership." Without going

into the merits of municipal ownership, it cer

tainly is not fair to condemn it because the Staten Island ferry is mismanaged. The blame lies only

with our system of city politics, which is the cause

that a lot of political hangers-on are "taken care of" and given positions for which they are unfit. Let the Staten Island ferry be taken out of politica.

let there be placed at the head of it a captain o

pilot who understands his business, let him have an assistant who understands the clerical details

of a shipping office, and let these two equip the

ferryboats with adequate service, regardless of political box es, district leaders or ward healers.

Then let all uch employees be classed under the

civil service law, so that they are sure of their places as long as they perform their duty, and then

only will it be shown whether the Staten Island ferry

as an example of municipal ownership is a succe

Reason for Labor Unions.

keep in mi d the real reason for labor unlone

highest intelligence, human, not divine, discover

ing their "strength by union" are sure to make

these demands that cause all the so-called labor

The remedy is laws that will protect the work

A Fool's Paradise.

Mere man now wreaths his face in smiles, Albeit just a trifle chary;

He knows that, thanks to women's wiles

and the second section of the s

He'll get no bille till January.

nany foolish and unreasonable

troubles.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sto: It is well to

BALTIMOBE, Nov. 23.

Having forecast the result of the

The difference between the two cases

PHILIPPE BUNAU-VARILLA.

flow during nine months of the year.

obstacle to the railroad plant.

diameter.

commercial line.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.

FAIR TO AID STRAY DOGS. Sale at the Waldorf for the Benefit of Bide-a-Wee Home.

With yaps and meows from well fed TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: It is a and much beribboned cats and dogs the puzzle for many people to hear that a tiny Christmas sale for the Bide-a-Wee home tide locked sea level canal is difficult to build for homeless cats and dogs opened at the in twenty years with steam shovels and cars Waldorf yesterday afternoon. when the huge Straits of Panama can be thing from rubber boots for the dog to easily excavated in the same period by floatmuch beru ed lace and ribbon petticoats ing dredges and scows, after a high level for the mistress was on sale. The dogs lock canal is opened to the world's commerce, were only on show. That is the live dogs. "I want a pair of boots for this French

bull. She's a thoroughbred-was sired by It is because the railroad excavation and Champagne and——"
"What size, Mrs. Hawley?" asked Miss
Ella Nelson, who presided at the traptransportation plant are everywhere three

Ella Nelson, who presided at the trappings booth.
Muggs, with a bullfighter's jaw and a crooked little tail, was held up to view. Nothing but a pair of violet boots would fit him. Muggs snifted the bit of violet leather, worked her smothered little old nose from side to side, licked her chops, and the next minute Muggs and the violet boots were at the other end of the room. Muggs's mistress bought the boots. The next purchaser wanted a pair of red boots. on water and also because on the Isthmus this inferiority is still more accentuated by the special difficulties attending the trans-To make an efficient transportation service it is necessary, first, to have a perfectly well established and ballasted roadbed; second, to have a very experienced body of laborers next purchaser wanted a pair of red boots.
"What breed, madam?" asked Miss Nelto correct constantly any fault discovered;

Oh, he's a dog, that's all I know, only he's "When the size med and the size med and

"What size, madam?"

Tramp was held up for inspection. He looked like a cross between a dachshund and a bull. A pair of red boots was selected and Tramp scampered off behind the flower booth, where he bit off the bows and began to lick off the rejet. tirely. The drainage is impossible at the

bottom of a huge gutter where tropical rains The transportation inside of the twelve miles long central cut is the real essential

booth, where he bit off the bows and began to lick off the paint.

About that time Muggs was at the Japanese booth, and the bull and Tramp eyed each other and then growled. Each held on to his boot and growled louder.

"Heavens!" exclaimed one of the women, and a general alarm was sent out. Mrs. Hawley made a dive for Muggs and tied a handkerchief over his mouth. After that the women were instructed to keep their dogs in leash. their dogs in leash.

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The guest of honor of the day and the centre of attraction was Trouvee, a tiny, bright eyed Yorkshire terrier, which was found by one of the officers of Bide-A-Wee and given to Mrs. S. J. Scherer. Mrs. Scherer's husband is a photographer, and he had given to the sale a lifesize picture of Trouvee.

At the dog and cat table there were blankets studded with silver, jewel studded

ets studded with silver, jewel studded leashes, coin collars for both cats and dogs, hand knit sweaters for the dogs, boots, rain coats, pillows and costly beds for the pets. The money realized by the sale will go

toward buying or renting a stable here in New York, where the dogs and cats can be taken by the members of Bide-A-Wee until the stray animals are sent to their country farm or otherwise cared for.

The County Chairman. From the Troy Record.

The Republican politicians appear to be attaching unnecessary importance to the chairmanship of the New York county committee. Under the highest development and influence of Bossism the party dictators no doubt found it necessary to choose such chairman with great care in order to be sure that their orders would be carried out. But the last election showed that the party machine is losing its power, and that individual thought rather than machine demand is coming again to be the basis for the voter's action at the polls.

Reduced to his proper functions, a county chairman is not an imposing figure. It is only when he is the go between for Bossism that he becomes important, if only as a cog in the party machinery. With public senti-ment against Boss dictation as stirred as it is now in New York, a county chairman eve in New York should not be classed as of national or even of State importance, there is not the slightest reason why a President or a Governor should butt into the game of selecting such a party official.

News From Australia

shipowners took measures for capturing as much as possible of the carrying trade of the world. They have placed extensive orders with British firms for shipbuilding materials and are organizing their own shipping industry so that in the very near future they may be independent of foreign assistance. Their next war will be one of freights, which, with their more economical methods, they are far better able to lower than even the Germans or Dutch, and with the release of the vessels of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha from the Government service the struggle will be begun. This company is increasing its already large and efficient feet, and, besides being very wealthy itself, is backed by the famous Mitsui family, the Rothschilds of Japan. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: There's something doing in Australia in rabbits. The Sydney correspondent of the London Grocer says that in the first eight months of this year there were sent from that port 2.431.300 carcasses. The season, it seems, has been most favorable for this crop, and thousands of men and women are engaged in gathering it who would otherwise be out The industry has come to stay

The dairy interest, it seems, is also humming, Queensland producing butter to the extent of three quarters of a million sterling, employing 11,000 persons. Darling Downs is the centre of this industry, and it is thought that wheat growing there will give way almost altogether to dairying. There is a prospect of a big grain crop and prices at home are so strong that export trade is precluded. There are to be found in the London Grocer some

other items of interest. A grocer sold a can of spinach that upon analysis was found to contain an equivalent of 4.57 grains of copper sulphate per pound. On the label of the tin were the words:
"The color of this vegetable is retained by a small quantity of sulphate of copper." A fine of \$50 and \$25 costs was imposed. In another case a lady" grocer sold coffee adulterated with chicory. There was 63 per cent, of the adulterant. She said the officer who bought it of her was too sharp and took the sample from her before she had time to label it properly. For this Eliza Ann Hanley was fined 3s., say 75 cents, and costs,

There is a long account of the trial of a grocer or selling peas prepared with copper. They had a big trial and more authorities were quoted than you could shake a stick at. Fined 5s., say \$1.25, and costs. Another sold margarine without the and costs. Another sold margarine without the proper label being attached. Fined \$10. Emma Dovey, same offence, but with extenuating circum stances, fined 5s. and costs. Emma said her daugh ter misplaced the boxes, and this statement "went." NEW YORE, Nov. 27. R. A. DIX.

Foiled Pickpockets. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I got on

Forty-second street crosstown car at the West Shore Rallroad ferry station, and stood next to the wicket gate on the back of the platform of the car. I had hardly taken my position there when a rather good looking man, about θ feet tall and weighing perhaps 190 pounds, stood on my right, Another good sized man took his position directly in front of me, and a third directly behind me.
My left side was blocked by the car gate. As soon as I noticed this alignment I suspected that some thing was going to happen. They began to look curiously at my pearl pin, which appeared conspicuously in a black tie. My efforts to free myself from the pocket in which they had placed me were politely blocked by the three crooks.

Had I not acted quickly they either would have

knocked off my hat, thereby causing me to throu my hands up, or else the man behind me would have held my arms until his confederates could have withdrawn the pin, or nipped the pearl from the pin with nippers which they carry.

After asking the largest of them three times to

let me pass into the car. I took the situation into my own hands and upset one of them. As soon as he recovered his feet he and the other two men quitted the car and gained the curb at Seventh avenue and Forty-second street, smiling in a sickly manner and showing by their expressi were conscious that their game had been under stood from the first. NEW YORK, Nov. 27.

Russian Commerce.

In spite of a complicated mass of adverse conditions, says Daily Consular and Trade Reports, Russian foreign commerce for the six months ended June 80 of this year was \$14,000,000 greater

Imports...... 152,205,500 127,597,000 . \$14,172,500 The increase of \$38,781,000 in exports is particularly noteworthy and profitable to Russia. The \$24,608,000 decrease in imports may or may not

have been profitable to Russia. The export increase was entirely in provisions, while the import decrease was mainly in raw materials. The United States stands third in Russia's list of im ports for this half year, with \$13.101,000, against Great Britain's \$19,914,000, and Germany's \$51,856,-000. France stands fourth with \$5,713,000.

men against loss of wages when earned. With these the union will disappear as useless, and of In the World's Work for December several full page portraits of persons in the public eye attract attention. There are fully illustrated articles on course with it labor troubles. CLARENCE TRUE. Mr. Macmonnies's productions, on Mr. C. B. Schillings's Remarkable photographs in the African vilds, and on Venezuela. Other papers deal with the open shop, Henry B. Hyde, Secretary Taft and the Philippines, and President Harper. A review of the events of the year and the usual notes on topics of the time will also be found.

TO BOOST PHILIPPINE TRADE. Extra Inducements May He Provided in

Ship Subsidy Bill. WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 .- The Merchant Marine Commission, of which Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire is chairman, to-day resumed consideration of the shipping bill which under the resolution of Congress it was authorized to report, and had Commissioner of Navigation Chamberlain before it in connection with several proposed changes in the measure. One amendment adopted to-day limits the subventions provided by the bill absolutely to ships engaged principally in the foreign trade, as distinct from the coastwise com-merce, from which foreign competition has

always been excluded. Another amendment provides specifically that no vessel receiving a subvention under the terms of the bill shall receive any other

subvention, bounty or subsidy from the United States.

The commission also agreed upon an amendment requiring one-half of the deck force of ships receiving subventions to be able seamen who have served at least two years on deak

years on deck.

The commission is considering the question of providing especial and extra inducements for American vessels to participate more largely than now in the carrying trade between the United States and our Philippine possessions.

WANTED, A GIRLS GAME.

Girls' Branch of Public Schools Athlette League Organized. At a meeting yesterday afternoon to or-

ganize a girls' branch of the Public Schools Athletic League the present mode of sports among boys was scored. The meeting, which was held at the residence of Mrs. James Speyer on Madison avenue, was opened by Gen. Wingate, who introduced Miss Grace H. Dodge as the chief speaker. Miss Dodge emphasized her belief in dif-ferentiating athletics for women from those for men. She said that women were not fitted for the strenuous sports of the boye She wasn't sure the boys could

Miss Katherine S. Leverich was elected Miss National S. Develor Was elected president of the league and the vice-presidents chosen were Mrs. Cleveland H. Dodge, Miss Margaret Chanler, Mrs. Henry Phipps, Mrs. James Speyer and Mrs. S. R. Guggenheim. Mrs. Henry Siegel offered a prize of \$50 for the best suggestion for a girls'

CHILDREN'S AID MEETING.

Annual Report Shows Notable Success Among Its 50,000 Waifs.

The annual report of the Children's Ald Society reads like an alumni catalogue. From the 50,000-odd boys and girls, waifs. orphans and outcasts that have been taken orphans and outcasts that have been taken under the wing of the society in its half century of activity one has become Governor of a State, one Governor of a Territory, two members of Congress and a great many more judges, bankers, railroad officials, clergymen, physicians and lawyers.

It is an interesting fact that the first newsboys' lodging house was founded by a boys' lodging house was founded by a member of the society in 1853 in a loft of

The SUN building.

The society's annual meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Chase National Bank. William Church Osborn, A. B. Hepburn and C. L. Brace were reelected president, treasurer and secretary; and A. B. Hepburn, D. Willis James, Douglas Robinson, Gustav E. Kissel and George G. Wheelock were reelected trartees, to serve a term of three years.

BROOKLYN'S NEW COURT.

To Be Located in the Old Montauk Building -Scramble for Two Comfortable Jobs. The new Sixth District Municipal Court in Brooklyn, to be opened on January 1. will be located in the old Montauk Theatre building, in Fulton street, near Flatbush avenue. Within a year or so the permanent court building will be erected at Sterling place and Flatbush avenue. The Judgelect is Lucien S. Bayliss, the Republican candidate at the late election. Judge Bayliss will have the appointment of a chief clark and an assistant clark for a term of clerk and an assistant clerk for a term of ten years with a salary of \$3,000 a year each. There will be a big scramble among the Republican district leaders for these

comfortable jobs NEW YORK CLUB'S NEW HOME. To Be Nine Stories High-Three Fl. of Sleeping Rooms.

The new building of the New York Club. to be put up at 18-22 West Fortieth street, will be nine stories high, 54 feet front and 98.9 feet deep, and will have a front of brick trimmed with limestons and terra cotta It is to cost \$300,000.

The first story will contain the club offices and café, and the second and third stories the library and card, billiard and commit-tee rooms. The dining hall will be on the eighth floor and private dining rooms on There will be three floors of sleeping rooms.

The Seagoers. Sailing to-morrow for the Mediterranean

by the White Star liner Republic: Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Armstead, Lady Chap-leau, the Hon. and Mrs. E. E. Farman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson and Mrs. Gouver-neur Morris. Sailing to-day by the White Star liner

Oceanic for Liverpool and Queenstown:
P. F. Collier, Lewis B. Hasbrouck, Mr. and
Mrs. William Henry Hunter, Thomas Sutcliffe,
D. H. Parkhurst, Charles MacVeigh, Mr. and
Mrs. Frank P. Rossiter and Cecil Ward. Aboard the North German Lloyd steam-ship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which sailed yesterday for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Bremen:

The Prince and Princess Colloredo Mansfeld, Col. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Watson, Mrs. E. F. Shepard, Charles Pape and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Legg. Passengers by the Noordam of the Holland-America line, off to-day for Boulogne and Rotterdam:

Frederic R. Cruger, Dr. and Mrs. Francois. Reves, Mrs. H. E. Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. . G. Edwards, Mrs. W. de Forest Day and the ev. V. C. Harrington. Aboard the Hamburg-American steam-ship Prinz Oskar, which sailed yesterday for the Mediterranean:

Mrs. W. T. Bush, Mrs. Robert S. Bowne, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Vermilye, Mrs. T. A. Outerbridge and Mrs. S. E. Carpenter. New Members of Board of Education. Mayor McClellan will appoint to-day

eleven members of the Board of Education to fill the places of the members whose terms expire on January 1. Nine of the appointments will be for the long term and two for the short term. Among those to whom membership in the board has been offered is George von Skal, managing editor of the Staats Zeitung. Mr. von Skal was obliged to decline on account of the pressure of private business.

Mayors to Walk Under the Hudson.

There will be a Mayors' walk under the Hudson River next Tuesday afternoon. Secretary Kenyon B. Conger of the Hudson Street Railroad Company said yesterday that he will send out invitations in a day or two to Mayor McClellan of New York and all the Mayors in Hudson county asking them to accompany him on a stroll through the tunnel between Fifteenth street, Jersey City, and Morton street, New York.

Veterans Can't Use the City Hall. Mayor McClellan vetoed yesterday Alderman McCall's resolution permitting the Spanish War Veterans' Association to spanish war veterans association to use the Aldermanic chamber as a meeting place the first Sunday of each month. The Mayor said that the board had no right to allow the public offices of the city to be used for any purposes except public

business. New Church for Franciscan Fathers The Franciscan fathers are to build a new two story church at 434 to 438 West Thirty-sixth street. They now occupy part of the site of the new church as a retreat.